



Minutes  
Village of Glen Ellyn  
Glen Ellyn Village Board  
Special Meeting  
Tuesday, January 19, 2021  
7:00 PM  
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Galligan Board Room

**A. Call to Order**

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Roll Call**

*Upon roll call by Village Clerk Chereskin, President Pro-Tem Pryde and Trustees Christiansen, Enright, Fasules, Senak and Thompson answered "Present".*

*Also in attendance were Village Manager Franz, Village Attorney Mathews, Finance Director Coyle, Public Works Director Hansen, Assistant Public Works Director Buckley, Professional Engineer Daubert, Senior Civil Engineer Topor, Police Chief Norton and Economic Development Coordinator Hannah*

**D. Audience Participation**

*None.*

**E. Acting Village President (Presented by Village Attorney Mathews (Trustee Enright))**

1. Resolution No. 21-01, A Resolution Naming Gary Fasules as Acting Village President

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [6 TO 0]</b>                               |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Bill Enright, Village Trustee                          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Steve Thompson, Village Trustee                        |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Christiansen, Enright, Fasules, Pryde, Senak, Thompson |

**F. COVID-19 Award Update (Presented by Economic Development Coordinator Hannah) (Discussion Only)**

1. Economic Development Coordinator Hannah will provide an update on the Village's COVID-19 grant program.

*Trustee Thompson stated he will recuse himself from this discussion.*

*Economic Development Coordinator Hannah provided an update on the Village's COVID-19 grant program.*

*Trustee Senak stated the COVID-19 grant program has funding for approximately eight additional businesses to apply. Trustee Senak asked if funding for this grant program is enough, or if the funding needs to be expanded. Economic Development Coordinator Hannah stated there are several businesses who are planning on submitting a grant application. Economic Development Coordinator Hannah stated the current funds will cover the applications the Village expects to receive.*

*Trustee Senak asked if additional funding could be added to the grant program. Finance Director Coyle stated additional funding could be added from the contingency fund set aside in the 2021 budget.*

*Trustee Senak stated he wants to make sure that all businesses who want to apply for the grant can do so.*

*Trustee Senak asked how the Village provided information on the grant program to businesses. Economic Development Coordinator Hannah stated information regarding the program has been in all Village electronic newsletters, social media, and through the Chamber and Alliance.*

*Trustee Senak asked what criteria is used to determine if an expense is eligible. Economic Development Coordinator Hannah stated the Village is requesting businesses submit proof of purchases that were needed to stay open during the pandemic.*

*Trustee Senak asked if loss of income is included in the Village's grant program, and if it could be added if it is not. Village Manager Franz stated it would be more appropriate to add additional funding than to add loss of income as a criteria to the program.*

*Trustee Senak stated he is concerned about the coffee shop located at the Metra Station not being able to receive funding.*

*Trustee Fasules stated some businesses do not have their receipts to apply for the grant and thinks that may be a reason why some businesses have not applied. Trustee Fasules stated this issue needs to be fixed.*

*Trustee Enright asked if this grant funding comes from the CARES Act. Finance Director Coyle stated the funding from the CARES Act frees up other funds to be used for this program.*

*Trustee Christiansen stated she would like to extend the program through March 31, 2021 and would not like to increase the funding at this time. Trustee Christiansen stated she would like to encourage other businesses to apply by March 31, 2021. Trustee Christiansen stated she would like to provide any leftover funding to the Chamber of Glen Ellyn to be put back into the business community.*

*President Pro-Tem Pryde stated he is in favor of extending the program until March 31, 2021. President Pro-Tem Pryde stated it is unlikely to see 100% participation from all Glen Ellyn businesses. President Pro-Tem Pryde stated if businesses do not have receipts, they can submit the cost of the product they purchased. President Pro-Tem Pryde asked if regarding the coffee shop located at the Metra Station, if the rent can be included as a criteria for this program.*

*Trustee Senak stated he is in favor of extending the program and is in favor of Trustee Christiansen's suggestion of donating the left-over funds to the Chamber of Glen Ellyn.*

*Trustee Senak asked if the Finance Department can provide the Village Board with updated COVID-19 projections and how much of the CARES Act funding has been spent. Village Manager Franz stated this information can be provided at the February Village Board Workshop meeting.*

*Trustee Fasules asked if the Village can work with Metra to waive the coffee shop's rent. Trustee Fasules stated he is in favor of extending the program through March 31, 2021 and donating left over funds to the Chamber of Glen Ellyn. Trustee Fasules stated he would like to look into adding additional funds to the program if they run out before March 31, 2021. Trustee Fasules stated it is important to encourage new applicants to apply for the program.*

*President Pro-Tem Pryde stated the Village Board is currently in favor of the following: extending the program until March 31, 2021, keep the budget the same for now with the possibility to extend funding in the future, encourage all businesses to apply and to donate any additional funding to the Chamber of Glen Ellyn.*

*Economic Development Coordinator stated she will provide an updated report on the program in February to the Village Board.*

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>DISCUSSION ONLY</b> |
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**G. Central Business District Streetscape Project (Presented by Senior Civil Engineer Topor) (Discussion Only)**

1. Senior Civil Engineer Topor will provide an update on design elements and costs of the streetscape project.

*Senior Civil Engineer Topor provided an update on the proposed schedule for the streetscape project.*

*Economic Development Coordinator Hannah provided an update on the meetings staff has had with businesses impacted by the streetscape project.*

*Trustee Thompson asked if businesses would continue to have access to the street and sidewalks during this project. Economic Development Coordinator Hannah stated there will always be access to businesses during the project. Economic Development Coordinator Hannah stated there will be times when the street is closed to vehicular traffic, but that will occur separately from the proposed sidewalk work.*

*Trustee Christiansen asked if the project were to start in mid-May, after Mother's Day, when would the project end. Trustee Christiansen also asked if the tent on Main Street would be able to be used during this project. Trustee Christiansen stated if COVID-19 continues throughout the summer, she wants to make sure businesses have the tent on Main Street for outdoor dining.*

*Professional Engineer Daubert stated Village staff will continue to coordinate the work with the Apex 400 project to reduce the closures on Main Street.*

*Trustee Fasules asked when the sidewalks would be closed. Senior Civil Engineer Topor stated with the current schedule, there will be partial sidewalk closures during the utility work. Senior Civil Engineer Topor stated the current schedule is to have sidewalks closed in September. Senior Civil Engineer Topor stated not all sidewalks will be closed at one and there will always be access to the businesses.*

*Trustee Senak thanked the Capital Improvements Commission for all their work on this project; Trustee Senak takes the Capital Improvements Commission's recommendation seriously. Trustee Senak stated now is not the time for this project as the Frida Kahlo exhibit is coming to town during the proposed schedule. Trustee Senak stated he recommends starting the project in September, after the Frida Exhibit is over.*

*Trustee Christiansen stated she would like to tear up the streets as little as possible and would like to make sure this project is as non-intrusive as possible. Trustee Christiansen stated she wants to make sure the Village coordinates work with the Apex 400 project. Trustee Christiansen stated she is less concerned on what month the project starts and more concerned if it aligns with the Apex 400 project.*

*Trustee Enright stated he agrees with Trustee Christiansen that the project needs to align with the Apex 400 project but is also concerned about having this project occur during the Frida Kahlo exhibit.*

*Professional Engineer Daubert stated if the project were to be delayed due to the Frida Kahlo exhibit, he would recommend the project begin in January 2022.*

*Trustee Christiansen stated she defers to staff and the Capital Improvements Commission on when to complete this project. Trustee Christiansen asked if there will be a cost increase to the project if it was delayed. Professional Engineer Daubert stated the project is currently receiving particularly good pricing, and there is a potential increase in cost if it were delayed.*

*Trustee Fasules stated if the project were to begin in January 2022, he would like staff to consider completing multiple phases at once.*

*Trustee Senak stated he predicts the Frida Kahlo exhibit will be delayed until 2022. Trustee Senak stated before he decides, he would like a final answer from the College of DuPage if the Frida Kahlo exhibit will still happen in 2021.*

*Trustee Enright stated if the Frida Kahlo exhibit is not happening in 2021, the project should start with the proposed schedule.*

*Trustee Thompson stated he feels most comfortable deciding on the schedule after a final decision on the Frida Kahlo exhibit has been made.*

*President Pro-Tem Pryde stated he is in favor of moving the project forward at the earliest date possible. President Pro-Tem Pryde stated it is possible to pause/delay a project, but it is not possible to accelerate the process if desired. President Pro-Tem Pryde stated he does not believe the Frida Kahlo exhibit will be as big as it was once anticipated due to COVID-19. President Pro-Tem Pryde stated he encourages the Village Board to move forward with the proposed schedule. President Pro-Tem Pryde stated he is not in favor for a January 2022 start date.*

*Trustee Thompson asked when a decision on scheduling needs to be made. Professional Engineer Daubert stated staff will need a decision in early February.*

*Trustee Senak stated there is time to reach out to the College of DuPage to see if the Frida Kahlo exhibit will still occur in 2021. Trustee Senak stated if the Frida Kahlo exhibit is not happening, the project should move forward as soon as possible. Trustee Senak stated he would also like conversations with businesses to continue.*

*Trustee Enright stated he is ok waiting a few weeks to see what the College of DuPage says about the Frida Kahlo exhibit. Trustee Enright stated he is also asking staff to move forward with the project now.*

*Trustee Fasules stated he is concerned regarding the Frida Kahlo exhibit. Trustee Fasules stated if the Frida Kahlo exhibit is not happening this year, then he is in favor of starting the project as soon as possible.*

*Trustee Thompson stated he is ok waiting a few weeks to see what the College of DuPage says about the Frida Kahlo exhibit. Trustee Thompson stated if the Frida Kahlo exhibit is not happening this year, then he is in favor of starting the project as soon as possible. Trustee Thompson stated he would like to see the detailed responses from the businesses staff has met with. Trustee Thompson stated staff and the Village Board need to figure out how to keep businesses strong through this project and the COVID-19 pandemic.*

*Trustee Christiansen stated she would like to see the Village Board decide on the project. Trustee Christiansen also stated she would like to see the Village Board to stop beating around the bush, make a decision and move forward with the project.*

*President Pro-Tem Pryde stated he would like to see the project to move forward and stated the Village Board needs to make a decision at the next Village Board meeting.*

#### Public Comment

- 1. Pete Ladesic, Village resident, stated he encourages the Village Board to move forward with the streetscape project as soon as possible. Mr. Ladesic stated the Frida Kahlo exhibit will most likely not happen, and it is important to move forward when traffic is less due to COVID-19. Mr. Ladesic also noted the cost of the project will only increase if it is delayed.*

*Phil Hutchinson provided an overview of the proposed materials for the project. An overview of the proposed materials is below, including the Capital Improvements Commission recommendations:*

- Paving material for sidewalks – plain concrete*
- Paving material for furniture zone – clay brick pavers in herringbone pattern*
- Paving material for carriage walk – plain concrete with the option to extend pavers to the carriage walk*
- Tree planters – granite planter curbs in strategic locations while other locations will have precast, aggregate or cast in place planters.*
- Planter railings – two options for planter railings*
- Crosswalk material design – includes MMA (methyl methacrylate)*
- Raised midblock crosswalks*
- Seated wall planters*

- *Street furniture*
- *Festoon lighting*

*Mr. Hutchinson also noted there is the option to eliminate the right turn lane on southbound Main/ Duane and eastbound Crescent/Main.*

*Trustee Fasules stated he would like to see something more decorative than the festoon lighting.*

*Trustee Enright stated he is not in favor of the festoon lighting.*

*Trustee Christiansen stated she is only in favor the festoon lighting over the walkway. Trustee Christiansen stated the light may be too much with the pedway lighting.*

*Trustee Thompson stated he is not in favor of the festoon lighting in streets but is in favor of the festoon lighting in the parkways and for special event areas.*

*Trustee Fasules stated he is in favor of the festoon lighting in parklets and is in favor of having the lighting in the trees.*

*Trustee Senak stated he would like staff to look at the possibility of making the horse trough a water feature.*

*Senior Civil Engineer Topor presented the overall updated project costs.*

*Steve Szymanski, Chairperson of the Capital Improvements Commission, stated he has been involved in biweekly meetings with CivilTech and involved in monthly Capital Improvements Commission meetings. Mr. Szymanski stated the Capital Improvements Commission wants to make sure they are leaving a beautiful downtown after the project. Mr. Szymanski stated the Capital Improvements Commission was split on festoon lighting and needed more information. Mr. Szymanski stated the Capital Improvements Commission will continue to have discussions on the crosswalk. Mr. Szymanski stated the Capital Improvements Commission are willing to have less expensive planters but thought certain portions of the downtown should have the granite planters.*

#### *Public Comment*

- 1. Carol White, Executive Director of the Downtown Alliance, asked the Village Board to take another look at the garage cans, as they are used for many special events.*
- 2. Pete Ladesic, Glen Ellyn Resident, asked staff and the Capital Improvements Commission to look into adding color into the plain concrete. Mr. Ladesic stated he would like to see granite planters used as much as possible. Mr. Ladesic stated he would like to see additional information on the traffic study regarding eliminating turn lanes.*

*President Pro-Tem Pryde stated the Village Board will go through the proposed materials and the will state where they stand on the materials:*

- *Sidewalk material – Trustees Christiansen, Enright, Fasules, Pryde and Senak are in favor of the Capital Improvements Commission recommendation. Trustee Thompson stated he prefers the exposed aggregate.*
- *Parkway options – Trustee Christiansen, Enright, Fasules, Pryde, Senak and Thompson are all in favor of the Capital Improvements Commission recommendation.*

- *Planter curb – President Pro-Tem Pryde stated he recommends extending the granite planters to Pennsylvania between Forest and Glenwood and on Duane between Forest and Glenwood. Trustees Christiansen and Senak support President Pro-Tem Pryde’s recommendation. Trustees Fasules and Thompson stated they would like to see all granite planters. Trustee Enright stated he is not in favor of any granite planters. President Pro-Tem Pryde stated the Village can ask for an alternative bid for the planters.*
- *Carriage walkway decorative placement – Trustees Christiansen, Enright, Fasules, Pryde, Senak and Thompson stated they are in favor of option A. President Pro-Tem Pryde stated the Village can ask for an alternative bid for the materials.*
- *Fencing/planter railing – Trustees Christiansen, Senak and Thompson are in favor of a lower railing. Trustees Enright, Fasules and Pryde are not in favor of any railing.*
- *Decorative cross walk – Trustees Christiansen, Enright, Fasules, Pryde, Senak and Thompson stated they are in favor of the Capital Improvements Commission recommendation.*
- *Street Furniture- President Pro-Tem Pryde stated these decisions can be made later.*
- *Raised crosswalk – Trustees Christiansen, Enright, Fasules, Pryde, Senak and Thompson stated they are in favor of the three inch raised crosswalk.*
- *Right turn lane elimination – Police Chief Norton stated he strongly objects to the right turn lane elimination.*

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>DISCUSSION ONLY</b> |
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#### H. Other Items

*Trustee Christiansen provided an update on the DEI program.*

#### I. Adjourn

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [6 TO 0]</b>                               |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Bill Enright, Village Trustee                          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Gary Fasules, Village Trustee                          |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Christiansen, Enright, Fasules, Pryde, Senak, Thompson |

Respectfully Submitted, Lindsey Kaminsky Executive Assistant

Reviewed and approved, John A. Chereskin, Village Clerk